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ANNUAL REPORT

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ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE



BOROUGH OF HYTHE,
RURAL DISTRICT OF EAST ASHFORD,
RURAL DISTRICT OF ELHAM,
RURAL DISTRICT OF WEST ASHFORD.

BY

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EAST KENT (No.3) UNITED DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT

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of the Hythe Borough, East Ashford Rural
District, Elham Rural District and
West Ashford Rural District.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report
for the year ending 31st December, 1951.

POPULATION.

The Registrar-General's estimated population for the united district/^{Under review} was 38,694 compared with 37,918 for the previous year. All four areas showed a slight increase - the greatest being in East Ashford.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In previous years the birth and death rates have been based on local population and were uncorrected. This year these crude rates have been corrected by multiplying the local rate by what are known as "comparability factors". These factors are supplied by the Registrar-General and the correction has the effect of adjusting the local rates to rates which would have occurred had the age and sex distribution of the local population been the same as that for England and Wales as a whole. It is now possible to compare our rates directly with those for England and Wales and other areas where similar corrections have been made.

1. BIRTH RATE.

The adjusted birth rate for the joint areas was 15.33 per 1,000 resident population. The rate for England and Wales was 15.5.

2. DEATHS.

The adjusted death rate for the four areas was 10.6 per 1,000 estimated resident population and compares very favourably with that for England and Wales which was 12.5. Diseases of the heart and arteries again head the list in causes of death, with cancer taking second place. The number of deaths from cancer are slowly rising - possibly due to the better diagnosis and classification of this disease. There were more deaths from Influenza, Pneumonia and Bronchitis this year than is usual in our areas, but the numbers were not abnormally high.

The Infant Mortality Rate during the first year of life was 32.92 per 1,000 estimated births. This is a considerable rise on last year's low figure of 23.0 and is above that for England and Wales (29.60).

One case of puerperal pyrexia was notified but it proved to be a mild case and recovered quickly.

Deaths due to accident.

I am very concerned about the whole question of accidental deaths of children and young persons and the permanent injuries to those who survive accidents. The problem of home, as well as road, accidents are the concern of us all, and there are far too many accidents in our country areas.

For example in West Ashford two children (aged 22 months and 4 years) and four young adults (aged 21, 21, 26 and 27 years) lost their lives by accident in 1951.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No epidemics occurred and the health of the four areas was satisfactory - there was a very considerable increase in the incidence of Measles, 864 were notified but this figure is consistent with the 2 yearly cycle of this disease and the cases were mild in character and only one case was removed to hospital (with complications). There were 13 Scarlet Fever cases of which 8 were removed to hospital. In view of the risk of infecting other members of the family and the possibility of establishing "carriers" I still feel that nursing these cases at home is undesirable and I was glad so many of the cases this year were nursed in hospital.

Three Poliomyelitis cases were notified during the year less than for several years. Of these, two arose in Elham R.D. (two young girls), and one in West Ashford R.D. (a young married woman), all had some paralysis, one recovered completely, one has residual paralysis in one leg and is still under treatment and the other young girl was a very severe case with much paralysis and total incapacity.

Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases has risen slightly, being 22 for the four areas as against 17 last year. 18 names have been withdrawn from the Register on recovery and 10 cases died in 1951.

The death rate per 1,000 resident population was 0.31 (0.29 in 1950) and that for England and Wales was also 0.31. The steady increase in the number of recoveries is continuing and is very satisfactory.

HOUSING.

There continues to be a great demand for houses in all four areas and of the houses in occupation the Rural housing survey shows that many are still substandard and until economic rents are possible it is unlikely that money will be available for improvements.

At the risk of repeating myself I should like to give expression to my concern about the housing of a section of the population who are not likely to make good tenants of council houses and who yet need dry, warm and light dwellings of some kind. They have in some cases settled in temporary army huts and there appears little chance of improving their condition unless some intermediary type of accommodation can be found. The progress towards better mental and physical health which we desire for these persons can hardly be produced under existing conditions.

Care of Old People.

The care of old people is one of our big problems, especially when such persons become really incapable of looking after themselves and have no relations willing to help. Hospital and home accommodation is still very difficult to get as the demand is so great - the worst cases I have met have had houses of their own and have not been short of money.

WATER.

Good progress is being made in the laying of piped water especially in Elham Rural District, including supplies to somewhat isolated properties, and the supply of water in the four areas is generally good.

SEWERAGE.

I should much like to see more progress in the laying of sewers in some of our larger villages where the need is urgent; but the expense of such systems, is, I know, great and I realise it is not possible to proceed with such improvements at the moment.

CLEAN FOOD.

The standards of Ice Cream samples improved in 1951 - few samples fell below grades I and II.

There were 6 cases of food Poisoning in Hythe during the year; they were mainly isolated cases and although certain food stuffs were suspected no conclusive evidence could be obtained.

Every effort is being made by constant supervision and advice to increase general awareness of the necessity for clean methods of handling food - in shop, in transit and in the home. The standard in our areas is reasonably good but in some instances improvements could be made.

The general work of the Public Health departments has run smoothly, and improvement in sanitary conditions in all areas - though not spectacular - has been thorough and satisfactory. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking members of the four Councils for their helpful interest in the work of my department, and I am greatly indebted to the Administrative Officers and the Sanitary Inspectors for their co-operation and help.

I remain, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

HILDA K. BRADE-BIRKS,
M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



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BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

SECTION A.

Social Conditions and Statistics for the Year 1951.

AREA: 3,030 acres

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 9,161 - an increase of 163 on the previous year.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 3,519

RATEABLE VALUE: £98,772

SUM REPRESENTED BY POLL TAX RATE: £390 (estimated)

STAFF:

Chief Sanitary Inspector & Housing Manager

Mr. John Plim.Cert.R.S.I.
Cert. Meat & Foods
Inspector.

Additional Sanitary Inspector

Mr. John Kemp.Cert.R.S.I.

Shorthand-Typist/Clerk

Mrs. A. Batt

Foreman

Mr. E. Stokes

Refuse Collection,
Cesspool emptying
Refuse Disposal

3 drivers
7 collectors
1 tip attendant.

Housing

1 plumber and fitter
1 carpenter
2 painters & General
hands
1 assistant fitter.

Rodent Operator

1

Slaughterhouse attendant

1

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	M.	F.		Hythe	England & Wales
1. Live Births	113	60	53	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated	14.1	15.5
(a) Legitimate	106	56	50			
(b) Illegitimate	7	4	3	resident population		
2. Still Births	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 estimated	0.11	0.36
(a) Legitimate	1	-	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	resident population		
3. Deaths	147	73	74	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	11.2	12.5
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes						
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births	-	0.11
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.60
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	4	1	3	Rate per 1,000 live births	35.39	29.6
(a) Legitimate	4	1	3			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	3	1	2			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.4
7.						
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000	-	0.0
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	-	-	-	estimated	-	-
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	1	-	1	resident population	0.10	0.3
Deaths from Tuberculosis	6	5	1		0.65	0.3
8. Deaths from Cancer	23	11	12			

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Causes of Death, 1951.

	ALL CAUSES		
		Males 73	Females 74
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	4	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1
3.	Syphilitic diseases	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10.	Cancer of the stomach	3	1
11.	Cancer of lungs and bronchus	3	-
12.	Cancer of breast	-	5
13.	Cancer of uterus	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	5
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	5
18.	Coronary diseases, Angina	7	8
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	4	-
20.	Other heart disease	18	34
21.	Other circulatory diseases	-	1
22.	Influenza	-	1
23.	Pneumonia	4	-
24.	Bronchitis	8	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	-	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion	-	-
31.	Congenital malformation	-	1
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases	4	5
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
34.	All other accidents	2	1
35.	Suicide	1	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-

There is no significant increase in the number of deaths in any particular group. Heart disease and disease of the arteries (due in most cases to old age) account for the greater number of the deaths, cancer again taking second place. The desired decrease in the number of deaths from Tuberculosis has not yet been realised.

The Infant deaths were four in number, one F. aged 12 hours was anencephalic, one M. aged 3 weeks died of accidental asphyxiation, one F. aged 2 days developed Bronco pneumonia, and one F. aged 11 months died from Tubercular Meningitis.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.SECTION B.General Provisions of Health Services
Laboratory Facilities.

As in previous years these are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory Maidstone which gives a satisfactory and complete service for the needs of the Borough.

Ambulance

The Ambulance Service is administered by the County Council and the area is adequately served under this new scheme.

A Hospital Car Service staffed by the Red Cross continues to provide for transport of sitting car cases going to Hospital for treatment.

Nursing Homes.

The Registration of Nursing Homes is administered by the County Council. There are two Nursing Homes in Hythe, one taking mainly maternity cases and the other mainly surgical and medical cases.

Maternity and Child Welfare and Midwifery Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services, and the Hythe Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Prospect Road continues to be well attended.

Diphtheria Immunisations are carried out at the Centre; one session a month is set aside for this purpose on the 2nd Friday of each month, in the afternoon. Vaccinations are also done at the same time. It is hoped that greater use will be made of these services.

SECTION C.Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.Notifiable Diseases

The following table shows details of diseases notified during the year:-

Diseases	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	39	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	224	-	-
Pneumonia	11	-	-
Puerperal Prexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	6	-	-
Total	281	-	-

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The year showed an increase in infectious disease largely due to the number of measles cases, this disease shows a periodic cycle occurring every second year.

The increase in the number of Pneumonia cases notified coincided with the Influenza epidemic in the winter of 1951-52. The six cases of food poisoning were isolated cases and had no tracable connection with any article of diet.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 109 children received primary inoculations against Diphtheria and 175 received reinforcing inoculations.

Again due to the courtesy of the County Medical Officer of Health and the Registrar-General it is possible to assess the approximate number of children who are protected against Diphtheria. Of 1,915 children (0-15 years of age) 1,479 have been immunised = 77%. Of the children (0-4 years approximately 36% had been immunised by the end of the year. This is again a fall on the previous year and it is urgently necessary that parents should realise their responsibility and take their children either to the Welfare Centre or to their own doctor to receive the necessary protection as soon after the baby is 6 months old.

Smallpox Vaccination.

This service is administered by the County Council and the work carried out at Welfare Centres and by Private Practitioners.

The number of children under one year of age vaccinated against smallpox was 60. This is a decrease on last year. Of the children (aged 0-4 years) 34 received primary vaccination and 9 were revaccinated.

TUBERCULOSIS 1951.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
55.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	1	1

The proportion of notifications, deaths and recoveries is approximately the same as for 1950.

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.51 = 58.

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	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Numbers for 1951	33	22	2	1	58
" " 1950	32	24	2	1	59
" " 1949	27	27	2	2	58
" " 1948	24	25	3	2	54
" " 1947	24	18	3	1	46
" " 1946	22	15	1	1	39
" " 1945	24	11	4	3	42

SECTION D.Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.(1) Water.

The district is supplied by the Council's own water undertaking and the supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity for the needs of the static population.

The 8" trunk main connecting with the Folkestone Water Company's main has been completed and is now in service.

A 6" main to replace the corroded 2" main to Fanners Hill Gardens has been completed and services to the properties concerned are nearing completion.

Examinations of samples taken during the Year.

	No.	Bacteriological	No.	Chemical
Raw Water	86	70 good 16 unsatisfactory (check samples were taken)	24	24 Good
Treated Water	22	22 good	-	-
Total	108		24	

Approximately 99% of the total number of dwelling houses is supplied by public water mains and the rest by means of standpipes.

Rapid filtration at Blackhouse and Postling Water Works reduce the possibility of contamination and all supplies are chlorinated before entry to the distributing main.

(2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No additions or improvements have been made during the year and no new schemes of construction have been proposed.

The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

(3) General.

	<u>No. in District</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>	<u>No. of Defects found</u>	<u>No. of Defects remedied</u>
Bakehouses	6	27	2	2
Dairies	3	61	3	3
Slaughterhouses			One Public Slaughterhouse	
Other food preparing places	29	143	7	5
Offensive Trades	Nil	-	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	Nil	-	-	-
Houses let in lodgings	Nil	-	-	-
Factories	88	125	4	4

Analysis of Nuisances and defects remedied during the Year under Public Health and Housing Acts.

Drainage		Walls	12
(a) Reconstructed	-	Ceilings	3
(b) Repaired	-	windows	4
Refuse receptacles	20	Ventilation	1
Dampness	7	Baths, lavatory basins	
Roofs	7	and sinks	1
Gutters	4	Cooking & heating	
Offensive Accumulations	1	appliances	2
Chimneys	4	Cesspool repair	1
Floors	2	Keeping of animals	
		w.Os. (a) renewed	2
		(b) repaired	2

Total No. of Inspections of all kinds during the year.....	2987
No. of premises connected to main sewers.....	2642
No. of premises connected to cesspools.....	86
No. of premises with pail closets.....	3
No. of premises with earth closets or middens.....	2
No. of premises not connected to Public Water supply.....	14
No. of Statutory Notices served.....	1
No. of Informal Notices served.....	25
No. of premises disinfected.....	34

Control of Infestation.Rats & Mice.

Infestations found - Rats	163
" " - Mice	61
Estimated Kill:-	
Rats.	Mice.
Poison	-
Traps	149
561	
23	
	149
584	
	149

Visits recorded by Rodent Operator:-

Dwellings.....	830
Corporation properties.....	84
Business premises.....	61
Total	975
Plain bait laid.....	139 lbs.
Poison bait laid.....	38 lbs.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.Insect Infestation and Disinfection.

Fourteen premises were reported verminous, seven caused by fleas, 2 by cockroaches, 1 by bugs and 4 by ants. These were satisfactorily disinfested.

Twenty disinfections were also carried out, mainly following infectious disease.

Refuse Collection & Disposal.Collection.

A weekly service of refuse collection from domestic premises has been maintained during the year with an additional summer service to hotels, boarding houses, and other special premises; arrangements are made in these cases for twice or thrice weekly collections as circumstances require.

In addition to the above 117 cess pools have been emptied during the year.

The vehicles used on these services are as follows:-

One 10 cu.yard S.D. side loading freighter.

One 7 cu. yard S.D. side loading freighter.

One Scammell Mechanical Horse with Eagle trailer.
(also used for street gully emptying)

Disposal.

The controlled tip at Princes Parade has developed satisfactorily during the year and sufficient soil and covering material has been available to give more than the usual amount of cover.

The first portion of the top level has now been completed, subject to final raking and scarifying and when this is done an area of $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres may be regarded as complete.

The next two or three years work will be carried out on lower levels preparatory to completion of the first field.

The income from salvage sales during the year (including waste paper, kitchen waste, textiles, metals, etc) was £529.2.0d. an increase of £250 entirely due to increased sale of waste paper.

SECTION E.FOOD SUPPLY(a) Milk.

The registrations and licences issued by this Authority in force at the end of the year are as follows:-

No. of dairies on register ("dairy" includes milkshop or milkstore)	3
No. of distributors on register	9
No. of F.F. dealers on register	3
No. of Supplementary dealers on register (T.T.)	3
No. of Supplementary dealers on register (Accredited)	2
No. of Supplementary pasteurised dealers on register	3

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The following samples of milk were taken during the year:-

	<u>Samples Taken</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Tuberculin Tested (Methylene Blue)	22	3
Tuberculin Tested Raw Milk (Biological)	3	-

The registration and inspection of Pasteurising plants is undertaken by the Kent County Council, as the Food & Drugs Authority for the area, and samples of pasteurised milk are taken periodically by this Authority.

(b) Ice-Cream.

The following samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination under the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947.

<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
3	2	1	-	-

There are now no premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream in the Borough.

There are 26 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream and every endeavour is being made to encourage the sale of wrapped ice-cream only at these premises so as to reduce the possibility of contamination to a minimum.

(c) Meat (Home Killed)

The slaughter of home killed meat continued under the control of the Ministry of Food.

The number of animals killed in the Public Slaughterhouse was:-

Cattle	3576
Sheep	6496
Calves	1556

The income from charges paid under the Council's Byelaws with respect to the Public Slaughterhouse was £877.5.0d.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle Exs. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs
Number killed and inspected	2865	711	1556	6496
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcases condemned	8	3	6	33
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	630	247	3	860
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	22.2	35.0	0.57	13.7
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>				
Whole carcases condemned	22	22	5	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	288	189	1	14
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	10.8	28.8	0.03	0.02

The total weight of meat condemned as unfit for food was:-

27 tons 6 cwts. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

The work of providing additional hanging rails for beef carcases and the conversion of the pig slaughterhall into a hanging room for sheep and calf carcases was completed during the early part of the year. This conversion has entailed the entire cessation of pig killing at this slaughterhouse and has caused some difficulty to the Ministry of Food slaughtering department. The advantages gained in securing better conditions for inspection, handling and storage have, however, outweighed any temporary disadvantages of this nature.

At the end of the year the Ministry of Food asked for tenders to be submitted to them for the provision of a new hanging room for 40 beef carcases, the restoration of pig slaughter facilities, and the provision of another approach road which will avoid congestion during off-loading of carcases and by-products. The carrying out of this work will improve still further the conditions for the production of home killed meat, but the delays in delivery of equipment (especially steel) will probably prevent the completion of this scheme within this year.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.Other Foods.

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered, as unsound and unfit for food, in shops and other premises where food is prepared or sold.

542 tins of food of various descriptions.

29 bottles of various foods.

2 cwts 23 lbs of various foods.

8 stone of fish.

1 cwt 3 qrs 24 lbs home killed pork.

Food Shops & Food Preparing premises.

The number of various types of food preparing premises in the district are as follows:-

Bakehouses	6
Dairies	3
Ice-Cream Manufacturing premises	-
Food shops, where sausages, pickled and preserved meat, pies etc. are made	11
Fried fish shops	4
Restaurants & Cafes	14
	38

SECTION F.HOUSING.Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

1. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health & Housing Acts)..... 36
2. Number of dwelling houses (including 1 above) which were inspected or recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regs. 1925-32..... 9

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice:-

1. Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers..... 25

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice.
 - (a) By owners..... Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners..... Nil

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Proceedings under Housing Act:-

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice
 - (a) By owners.....Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority.....Nil

COUNCIL HOUSES

358 Council houses were in occupation at the end of the year.

70 Council houses were completed in 1951 making a total of 123 completed since the war.

The houses are comprised as follows:-

<u>3 bedrooomed type</u>	<u>2 bedrooomed type</u>	<u>1 bedrooomed type</u>
223	98	37

There are also 15 premises providing 17 housing units under requisition. Two premises were derequisitioned during the year.

Owing to the financial position in which large amounts of unproductive expenditure (roads, sewers etc.) are incurred during the development of new estates economy has been observed as strictly as possible in carrying out repairs. Maintenance has been carried out throughout the year by the Council's staff and all the Council's houses are in good tenantable repair.

The year has been very largely occupied in settling in 70 new families - the largest number ever taken by the Council in one year - in addition to the normal changes of tenancy, and the operation has been carried out without any serious hitch.

There are at the moment 8 three bedroomed houses in course of erection.

Analysis of present list of applicants for Council Houses.

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Total number of applications - 2 or 3 bedroom houses	197	
Total number of applications - 1 bedroom flats or bungalows	49	
	246	
	<u>2 or 3 bedroom accom.</u>	<u>1 bedroom accom.</u>

Applications from people residing in the Borough who already occupy houses or flats.	52	18
Applications from people residing in the Borough who live in lodgings	90	12
Applications from people residing outside the Borough who already occupy houses or flats.	36	10
Applications from people residing outside the Borough who live in lodgings.	19	9

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SECTION G.

FACTORIES.

No changes of ownership have been notified during the year. The number of factories on the register is 88 (39 power and 49 non-power).



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EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT

SECTION A.

Social Conditions and Statistics for the Year 1951.

AREA:

51,398 acres

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 10,400 - an increase of 190 on the previous year.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 3,392

RATEABLE VALUE: £44,974

SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £180 (estimated)

STAFF:

Sanitary Inspector Mr. R. Stevenson.
M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Rodent Operator and
Salvage Organiser } Mr. H.C. Simpkins.
(part time) }

Clerical Assistant Miss A. Williams.
(part time)

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	M.	F.		E. Ashford	England
					Rural	& Wales
1. Live Births	137	71	66	Birth rate per 10000	14.0	15.5
(a) Legitimate	133	70	63	estimated		
(b) Illegitimate	4	1	3	resident population		
2. Still Births	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000	0.19	0.36
(a) Legitimate	2	1	1	estimated		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	resident population		
3. Deaths	144	76	68	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	10.35	12.5
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes	-	-	-			
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births	-	0.19
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.60
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	6	1	5	Rate per 1,000 live births	43.7	29.6
(a) Legitimate	6	1	5			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	4	1	3			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.4
7.						
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000	-	0.01
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	-	-	-	estimated	-	-
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	3	3	-	resident population	0.28	0.38
Deaths from Tuberculosis	-	-	-		-	0.31
Deaths from Cancer	22	16	6			

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.Causes of Death 1951.

ALL CAUSES	Males	Females
	76	68
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Cancer of the stomach	4	-
11. Cancer of lungs and bronchus	2	-
12. Cancer of breast	-	-
13. Cancer of uterus	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	6
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	1	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	12
18. Coronary disease, Angina	11	8
19. Hypertension with heart disease	5	3
20. Other heart disease	13	15
21. Other circulatory diseases	1	-
22. Influenza	3	-
23. Pneumonia	1	-
24. Bronchitis	3	7
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	1	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	4
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
30. Pregnancy, child birth and abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	-	-
32. Other defined and illdefined diseases	4	12
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
34. All other accidents	1	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-

There is nothing of special interest to note either in the total number of deaths or in their classification. The infant deaths numbered six, one F. died at 10 hours from atelectasis lungs, one M. at 9 hours from prematurity, also one F. at 11 hours from prematurity, one F. at 5 months died from Acute Nephritis, and one F. at 5 days from cerebral haemorrhage.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.SECTION B.General Provisions of Health Services.
Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory at Maidstone which gives a complete and satisfactory service for the area.

Ambulance.

An ambulance service is provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade centred at Ashford. Sick cases are also removed to Hospital by the Hospitals own Ambulances.

Nursing Homes.

The registration of Nursing homes is a duty delegated to this authority by the Kent County Council. There is one such home in the area taking 4 maternity and 6 medical cases.

Maternity and Child Welfare services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services.

SECTION C.Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.Notifiable Diseases.

Disease	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	9	5	-
Whooping Cough	51	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	257	-	-
Pneumonia	12	11	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	1	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-

The number of cases of Measles was high for 1951 as was anticipated due to the 2 yearly cycle of this disease and the number of Pneumonia cases increased though only one death is recorded.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

From the figures again supplied through the courtesy of the County Medical Officer and the Registrar-General it is possible to state that during the year 1951, 125 children received primary inoculations, and 200 received reinforcing inoculations.

1,402 children of 0-15 years of age out of an approximate total of 2,251 had been immunised by December 31st = 62.6%. Of the children aged 0-4 years approximately 35.4% had been immunised by end of December, 1951. This is a slight fall on last year and the continued decline in infant immunisations is much to be deplored. If freedom from epidemics of Diphtheria is to be maintained, it is essential that all children should be immunised.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.Smallpox Vaccination to December 31st, 1951.

The number of children under one year of age who were vaccinated against smallpox was 54 and of those aged 0-4 41 were vaccinated during the year under review. This means that only about 40% of the children born received this protection for the year 1951.

TUBERCULOSIS 1951.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	()	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	()	-	-	1

Total number on cases on the Register at 31.12.51 = 65.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number for 1951	23	23	14	5	65
" " 1950	20	21	15	5	61
" " 1949	19	20	16	7	62
" " 1948	23	17	17	9	66
" " 1947	20	18	14	9	61
" " 1946	13	13	12	8	46
" " 1945	11	10	11	7	39

The number of cases on the Pulmonary Tuberculosis register have varied little in the past five years and the hoped for reduction has not yet been realised.

The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION D.Sanitary circumstances of the area.(1) Water.

A system of water mains exists in every Parish of the Rural District and the supply generally is good. Of the 16 schemes of water mains extensions, submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, 8 have been approved and the work will be commenced as soon as necessary materials become available.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

The following is a list showing the number and proportion of houses connected with main water supplies in each Parish of the Rural District in 1951:-

PARISH	No. of Dwelling Houses.	No. of houses connected with:		
		Mid-Kent water Co's Mains	Ashford Urban Supply	Folkestone water Co.
Aldington	242	174		
Bilsington	105	84		
Bonnington	39	34		
Boughton Aluph	208	177		
Brabourne	263	201		
Brook	56	57		
Challock	119	116		
Chilham	413	350		
Crundale	57	49		
Eastwell	33	16		
Godmersham	84	77		
Hastingleigh	78	70		
Hinxhill	21		11	
Mersham	233	165		
Molash	86	67		
Orlestone	173	146		
Ruckinge	231	173		
Sevington	59		38	
Smeeth	192	145		8
Warehorne	118	97		
Wye	584	442		
Totals	3392	2640	49	8

The Mid-Kent Water Company have monthly bacteriological examinations of the raw water taken from each of their Pumping Stations; all water is chlorinated. Particulars of the examinations and analyses are supplied, and there has been no form of contamination. The Ashford Urban water supply is subject to routine sampling of the water both for bacteriological (quarterly) and Chemical analyses. The reports have been entirely satisfactory.

108 more houses, including new houses, were connected with existing water mains during the year 1951.

Over 80 of the number of dwelling houses are supplied by public water mains, and a very few by stand pipes.

Examinations of other samples taken by the Sanitary Inspector during the year

	No.	Bacteriological	No.	Chemical
Raw water	Nil	-	Nil	-
Treated water	4	4 good	Nil	-
Total	4		-	

2. Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No alterations or extensions to sewerage systems were carried out during the year 1951. The villages of Wye and Hamstreet are drained and sewered. Smaller scale sewerage systems also drain parts of Mersham, The Square Chilham, also Brabourne Lees. A new sewage works for the village of Mersham has been provisionally approved and will, it is hoped, be constructed in 1952/53. Schemes for Wye and Hamstreet are being prepared to inquiry stage by the Council's Consulting Engineers.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

(3) General.

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	No. of defects found	No. of defects remedied
Bakehouses	10	8	7	4
Dairies (Retail)	3	3	nil	-
Slaughter-houses	10	-	-	-
Other Food preparing places	9	4	-	-
Offensive Trades	1	1	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	Nil	-	-	-
Houses let in lodgings	Nil	-	-	-
Factories	50	26	3	3

NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR.

(other than those enumerated previously)

Drainage

(a) Reconstructed	27	Walls and ceilings.	17
(b) Repaired	33	Doors and windows.	10
Refuse receptacles.	-	Ventilation.	4
Dampness.	8	Baths, lavatory basins and sinks.	29
Roofs, Rainwater pipes.	15	Water supplies.	1
Offensive accumulations.	3	Cooking and heating appliances.	4

Total No. of Inspections of all kinds during the year..... 2740

W.C.s. into drainage system.....	596
W.C.s. into cesspools.....	1725
Pail closets and Chemical Closets.....	1021
Earth Closets or Hiddens.....	50
No. of Premises not connected to Public water Supply.....	695
No. of Statutory notices served.....	2
No. of Informal notices served.....	63
No. of premises disinfected.....	6

(4) Control of Infestation.

Rodent Control.

69 infestations with rats and mice were dealt with by the Council's part time Rodent Operator and the total estimated kill for the year 1951 was 1531. Routine baiting and gassing of rats on the Council's three refuse tips was undertaken and satisfactory results obtained. An annual re-test of the Council's sewerage systems at Aye, Hamstreet and Hersham gave negative results. There are no large scale sources of rat infestation in the District.

Insect Infestation.

13 infestations with bugs, fleas, ants, cockroaches, wasps, etc, were dealt with partly by the loan of sprayers and powder blowers with insecticides and by the giving of advice on the subject.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.(5) Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The collection of dry house refuse is carried out once monthly throughout the District with the exception of the town area of Wye where the collection is made twice weekly, and part of the Parish of Chilham where an additional mid-monthly collection is made. This work is at present being carried out by contract but consideration is being given to the proposed purchase of a suitable refuse and salvage vehicle to be operated by direct labour. Three refuse tips are in use for the deposit of house refuse, the first being near Drylands Farm, Alash, the second at White Hill, Boughton Aluph, and the third at the Kent County Council quarry, Aldington. Two of these refuse tips consist of large disused chalk pits and the other is the disused part of a rock quarry.

Emptying of cesspools.

The emptying of cesspools in all parts of the District is undertaken by the Council twice yearly on written request made by householders. During the year 1951, the number so emptied was 816. This work is carried out by contract.

Emptying of pail-closets.

The emptying of pail-closets is carried out in the Parish of Boughton Aluph and part of the Parish of Chilham. In the Parish of Boughton Aluph the emptying takes place once weekly, by contract, and the number to be emptied is approximately 72. In the Parish of Chilham the emptying is carried out twice weekly in an area covering The Square, The Street and Railway station and the number to be emptied is now reduced to 30.

Salvage of waste paper.

A special monthly collection of waste paper is made in the District and the total amount salvaged during the year 1951 was 135 tons, the value of which was £2,076.

SECTION E.FOOD(a) Milk.

Apart from producer retailers there are only three retail dairies in the District and none for the wholesale handling or distribution of milk. No important structural alterations or improvements were required to dairies.

The number of samples taken for bacteriological examination was 2. No evidence of Tuberculosis was found in either case.

(b) Ice Cream.

22 shops and other premises are registered for the sale or storage of ice cream. There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the District.

(c) Meat.Slaughterhouses.

There are no slaughterhouses in ordinary use in the District. 8 butchers are registered for the sale or manufacture of sausages.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.Unsound Food.

On four occasions quantities of English or Imported beef totalling 242 lbs was condemned at Butchers shops. On ten occasions small quantities of tinned foods, etc. were condemned at shops.

SECTION F.HOUSING

98 new council houses were erected and completed in the district during the year 1951, in addition to 11 by private enterprise. 39 houses were improved and repaired on informal notice - preliminary to formal notice under the Housing and Public Health Acts.

The total number of post war houses erected to 31/12/51 was 370.

2 houses were demolished.

Rural Housing Survey.

There are still 33 houses in the parish of Chilham and 16 in other parts of the district remaining to be surveyed. It is hoped that the conditions of houses in the lower categories may now be gradually improved (and brought into higher groups) as labour and materials become available.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Houses demolished in pursuance of sub-section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936..... 2

Number of houses or parts of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936..... 4

Number of houses in respect of which undertakings were given to close for habitation, given by the owners under Section 11(3) of the Housing Act, 1936..... Nil

No. of houses repaired and made habitable on notice served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936..... 2

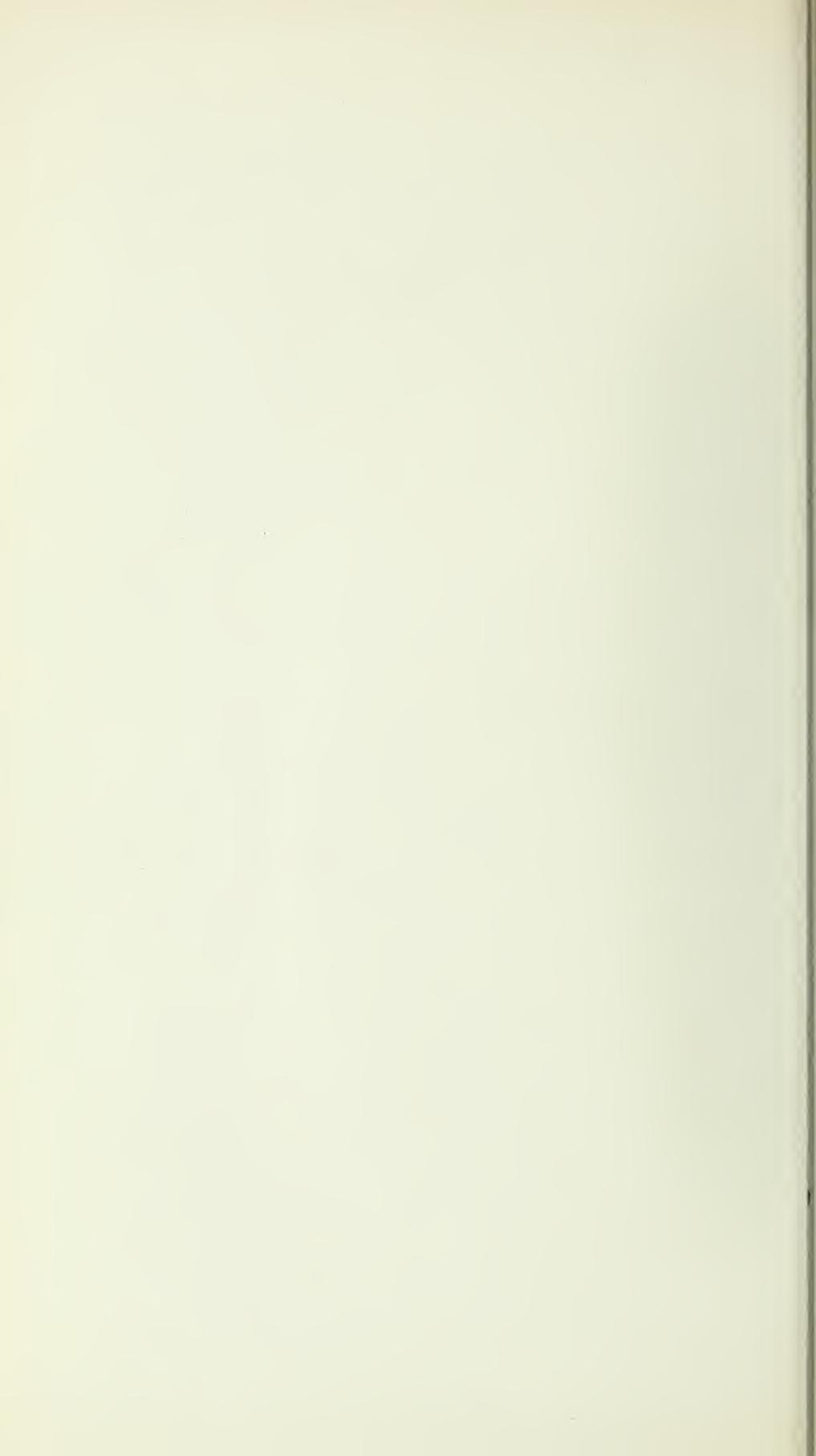
Hop Pickers Camps.

The accommodation for hop pickers is in 13 separate camps with a total of 624 huts; about 2,000 visiting hop pickers were resident during the season 1951. The huts are generally in fair condition and the water supply is sufficient and almost entirely from the main supply. The closet accommodation is mostly of the portable type but with a few fixed pail closets. Further improvement in the cleansing of these is desirable, but the task is rendered more difficult by the uncleanly habits of a few of the hop pickers.

Improvement in this and in scavenging is urgently needed. Some of the camps are rendered untidy and unhygienic by the scattering of refuse, including food waste, though the refuse bins are on the spot ready for use and are emptied daily.

Camp supervision should be organised by the pickers themselves and if families clubbed together to use and be responsible for individual closets much improvement would result. Cook-house accommodation meets with requirements, but in good weather the pickers prefer to use fires in the open air outside their own huts.

Inspections were carried out before and during occupation by the Medical Officer of Health and Dr. J. Gauchi (Ministry of Health) as well as by the Sanitary Inspector. A total of 43 visits was made during the season.



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WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

SECTION A.

Social Conditions and Statistics for the Year 1951.

AREA: 39,453 acres

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 10,090 - a very slight increase on 1950.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 3,171 plus 262 huts

RATEABLE VALUE: £41,395

SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £164 (estimated)

STAFF:

Sanitary Inspector
(to October 31st) G.P. Lawrence M.R.S.I.,
M.S.I.A., Meat and Foods
Inspector.

Sanitary Inspector
(From November 1st) Mr. A.H. Hayes M.R.S.I.,
M.S.I.A., S.R.N.,
Cert. Meat and Foods
Inspector.

Rodent Operator and Camp Warden
(Part time) Mr. H. Button.

Sewage Works } Mr. A. Perris.
Maintenance Men } Mr. W. Moore.

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	M.	F.		West Ashford R.D.	England & Wales
1. Live Births	163	92	71	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated	17.2	15.5
(a) Legitimate	154	87	67			
(b) Illegitimate	9	5	4	resident population		
2. Still Births	6	3	3	Rate per 1,000 estimated	0.59	0.36
(a) Legitimate	4	2	2			
(b) Illegitimate	2	1	1	resident population		
3. Deaths	138	86	52	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	10.5	12.5
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes						
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still births)	-	0.19
(b) Other Maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.60
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	5	2	3	Rate per 1,000 live births	30.6	29.6
(a) Legitimate	4	1	3			
(b) Illegitimate	1	1	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	2	1	1			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.4
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated	-	0.01
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	-	-	-	resident population	-	-
Deaths from Influenza	7	7	-		0.69	0.38
Deaths from Pneumonia	7	2	5		0.69	0.61
Deaths from Tuberculosis	3	3	-		0.29	0.31
Deaths from Cancer	21	13	8			

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICTCauses o. Death 1951

ALL CAUSES	Males 86	Females 52
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	1	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Cancer of the stomach	3	1
11. Cancer of lungs and bronchus	3	1
12. Cancer of breast	-	3
13. Cancer of uterus	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer)	7	3
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-
16. Diabetes	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	7
18. Coronary disease, Angina	9	4
19. Hypertension with heart disease	4	1
20. Other heart disease	14	15
21. Other circulatory diseases	4	1
22. Influenza	7	-
23. Pneumonia	2	5
24. Bronchitis	5	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, child birth and abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	1	-
32. Other defined and illdefined diseases	7	3
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
34. All other accidents	3	3
35. Suicide	1	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-

There is no significant increase in the number of deaths in any particular disease group, but there is a marked increase in the number of deaths from accidents - ten in all. The infant deaths were also higher than last year being 5 in number - 1 M. 2 months dies from asphyxia, 1 M. 2 days had congenital heart disease, 1 F. of 4 months developed Broncho pneumonia, 1 F. aged 15 minutes died from Prematurity and 1 F. of nine months died from osteomyelitis.

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.SECTION B.General Provision of Health Services
Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory at Maidstone. This service is very satisfactory and serves all the needs of the area.

Ambulance.

The area is served mainly by the St. John Brigade Ambulance stationed at Ashford and co-ordination with the other services is excellent.

Nursing Homes.

There are none in this area.

Maternity and Child Welfare and Midwifery Services.

The County Council is the Authority responsible for these services.

SECTION C.Prevalence and control over Infectious Disease.Notifiable Diseases.

Disease	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	2	2	-
Whooping Cough	43	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	231	1	1
Pneumonia	25	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Dysentery	1	1	-

The measles death was that of a Male Child aged 22 months with Pneumonia as a complication. The case of Acute Poliomyelitis - a young married woman - made an excellent recovery, but was still receiving treatment for leg paralysis at the end of the year.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

A total of 131 children (0-15) years of age were immunised during the year 1951 and 161 received reinforcing inoculations.

By courtesy of the County Medical Officer of Health and the Registrar-General figures have again been supplied which make it possible to give an approximate estimate of the percentage of children resident in the area who have been immunised.

Of 2,332 children (0-15 years) 1,405 had been immunised to 31st December, 1951 = 60% approximately. Of the children (0-4) approximately 31% had been immunised by 31st December, 1951.

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.Smallpox Vaccination.

The number of children under one year who were vaccinated against smallpox was 49. Of those aged (0-4) 36 were vaccinated during the year under review. These figures show a decrease on the previous year. It is much to be deplored that parents do not realise the advantage of having their children vaccinated in infancy, and are content to wait until a possible emergency arises when it may well be too late to give the necessary immunity.

TUBERCULOSIS 1951.

Age Periods	New Cases		Deaths		Recoveries			
	Non- Pulm:		Non- Pulm:		Non- Pulm:			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
15.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
20.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	
35.	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	
45.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	
55.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
65.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	3	2	-	2	1 ^a	-	2 3 1 3	

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.51 = 74.

Numbers for	1951	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
		M.	F.	M.	F.	
" "	1950	31	29	11	3	74
" "	1949	31	31	12	7	81
" "	1948	30	28	12	7	77
" "	1947	23	26	10	6	65
" "	1946	23	28	9	4	64
" "	1945	15	13	4	2	34
" "	1945	17	25	8	5	55

* N.B. 1 M. non-pulmonary death given on the Registrar-General's returns could not be traced.

The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION D.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.1. WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply for the Rural District is derived from the Mid Kent Water Co., private wells and springs.

Some 78% of the houses in the district have a piped supply of water. Additions are made where ever possible and as soon as the mains supply becomes available.

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT

The supply of water has been fully adequate throughout the year; the wet summer, no doubt, helped in this.

Six samples of water from the Mid Kent supply were submitted for bacteriological examination to the County Pathologist. ~~all~~ results, except one, proved satisfactory and repeat samples from the unsatisfactory point showed good results. Chemical tests are made by the Water Company and have been satisfactory.

Five samples of well water were submitted for examination. All results showed high bacterial counts, whilst two contained faecal B. Coli proving recent contamination by sewage. Until the supply of water at these points can be improved the tenants have been instructed to boil all water used for drinking.

* This unsatisfactory sample arose when extensive road excavations were in progress and the pipes were probably disturbed.

No. Houses in District Connected to Main Supply

Parish	Houses connected during 1951	Total No. Houses on mains Dec. 51	No. Houses in Parish
Bathersden	3	345	443
Charng	5	546	642
Egerton	3	181	262
Gr. Chart	2	149	210
Hothfield	10	83	150 inc. Huts
Kingsnorth	2	233	279
Little Chart	-	109	95
Pluckley	1	255	291
Shadowhurst	3	172	196
Smarden	7	306	323
Westwell	5	307	542 inc. Huts
Total	41	2,686	3,433

2. DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There have been no important alterations or additions to the Council's existing systems.

Plans for three new works submitted to the Ministry of Health and the County Council have been examined and placed in Category II, i.e. not for inclusion amongst those schemes to be undertaken in the first five years. In spite of this, however, the properties comprising The Street, Egerton have such an insanitary method of disposal of their offensive cesspool effluent that a plan is being prepared to construct a more satisfactory system of drainage which, if carried out in the near future, could eventually form a part of the master scheme of drainage for the village.

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICTHothfield Treatment Tanks.

These tanks, which have been in constant use from the time they were constructed by the Army authorities during the war, are now showing signs of age and approval is being sought for restoration works to be carried out to them.

The sewerage systems at Charing were subjected to a systematic treatment against rat infestation during the year with satisfactory results.

3. GENERAL.1. (a) Scavenging.

Refuse collection and disposal is administered by the Building Inspector. Disposal is by means of tipping. The treatment of the face of the tip with gammexane spray or D.D.T. powder, to reduce fly breeding in the summer months, cannot be carried out owing to the unsatisfactory nature, height and insecurity of the face. The structure of the tip also retards successful treatment for the extermination of rodents. Suggested improvements are under consideration.

(b) School Sanitation.

The sanitary accommodation provided is generally maintained in a satisfactory manner. It is proposed to carry out a detailed inspection in 1952 to ascertain whether improvements and modernisation are required and to make recommendations.

(c) Public Conveniences.

At present there are no public conveniences in the area. It is hoped that a proposed convenience at Charing will be erected, and in use, next year.

(d) Service of Notices Requiring execution of works or the Abatement of Nuisance.(e) Visits made by the Sanitary Inspector.

Owing to the protracted periods of sick leave, and the subsequent retirement of the Sanitary Inspector due to illness, it is impossible to correctly itemise either sections (d) or (e).

Through the co-operation of the Building Inspector complaints were attended to and repair works carried out in a satisfactory manner.

(f) Disinfection, Disinfestation and Rodent Control.Disinfection.

11 rooms at 8 premises were disinfected where cases of infectious disease had arisen and the bedding of all such cases was removed to the Ashford Urban District Council steam disinfecter and treated.

Disinfestation.

The following tables indicate the work carried out during the year.

Bed Bugs.

Council Houses	1
Other Houses	2

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICTFleas

Council Houses	-
Other Houses	3
Hothfield Huts	4

Other Insect Pests.

Council Houses	-
Other Houses	4
Other Premises	-

In addition 15 wasps nests were destroyed.

Rodent Control.

The Council employ one part time Rodent Operator.

The following table gives details of the work carried out during the year.

Complaints of Infestation	Additional infestat- ional found	Ill found- ed com- plaints	Complete Treat- ment.	Under or Kill by Poisons	Await- ing Treatment	Estimated
Notified by the Public	on survey					
	of other premises					

Rats	73	11	-	80	4	2441
Mice	-	-	-	-	-	10

The prevalence of rats in the district is shown by the above table.

The Council have agreed to the appointment of a full time operator working under the Sanitary Inspector, in his capacity as Rodent Officer, the better to carry out the statutory duties laid upon them under the Prevention of Damage by Rodents Act, 1949. This measure will enable the district to be systematically surveyed. It is hoped that closer co-operation will be established in the future between farmers and the Health Department in combating the rodent problem; it is essential that farmers should carry out their duty in this matter when threshing and dismantling ricks, and by the adequately fencing of ricks in order to stop rodent migration from one place to another.

SECTION E.INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.(1) Milk Supply.

On the 1st October, 1949, the powers and duties of the Council were affected by the operation of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1949: the milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: the Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) regulations, 1949, and the Milk (Special Designations), (Pasteurised and sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949. The main effect of these Regulations is, that the Council are no longer responsible for the registration and supervision of milk production, but remain the registering Authority for milk distributors.

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(a) The following are details of Registrations:-

1. Registered Distributors of Milk.	3
2. Distributors licensed to deal in Pasteurised Milk.	2
3. Distributors licensed to deal in I.F. Milk.	1
4. Premises registered as Dairies.	2

(b) Milk examination.

One sample of mixed milk was submitted for biological examination and the result was satisfactory.

(2) Meat.

(a) No general slaughtering by the Ministry of Food takes place in the district, but there is still a certain amount of private slaughtering, (mainly pigs) as authorised by the Ministry of Food. The licensed slaughterers carrying out this work inform the Sanitary Inspector who than inspects the carcases and offal.

Pigs inspected	25
1 Pig's head affected with F.B.	

(b) Food surrendered as unfit

Butchers Meat	226½ lbs (mainly bone taint and bruising)
Tinned Ham	3 tins

(3) Ice Cream.

The number of premises registered for the manufacture, storage, or sale of ice cream are:-

1. Sale and storage of ice cream	15
2. Storage of ice cream.	Nil
3. Manufacture of ice cream.	Nil

In all cases, the registration is for the sale of pre-packed ice cream only.

* There is no legal provision in the Regulations to enforce this point but it is our practice to try to get retailers to sell only pre-wrapped ice cream; the premises registered are, in the main, general provision and green-grocery shops and the chances of contamination is minimised by the sale of wrapped products. At all inspections of premises emphasis is laid on the need for personal cleanliness and the maintenance of rigid standards of hygiene in all handling of food products.

(4) Bakewholes.

8 Bakewholes are registered and in operation in the area. Cleanliness and maintenance was satisfactory in all cases.

WEST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT(5) Restaurant, Kitchens and Cafes.

The restaurant kitchens and cafes in the Area are generally in a satisfactory condition, but an up to date survey is being undertaken during 1952. The opportunity thus afforded will be used to try to improve existing standards and to stimulate interest in food and personal hygiene and, where suitable, talks will be given.

(6) Public Houses.

Improvements to the sanitation of public houses are being carried out by the breweries concerned as opportunity permits. There is excellent co-operation between the Brewers, their landlords and the Health Department.

SECTION F.HOUSING(1) Re-housing.

During the year it was found possible to provide housing accommodation for 66 families, as follows:-

2 families re-housed in pre-war Council Houses.
8 Families re-housed in Post-war Council houses.
2 families re-housed in requisitioned properties.
54 families provided with temporary accommodation at Hothfield Camp.

The total number of applicants for houses on the Council's list at 31st December was 300.

(2) New Houses.

Total number erected or completed by Local Authority during the year	Nil
Total number erected by private persons,	11

(3) Hop-pickers Camps.

The four camps were inspected by the Medical Officer of Health during occupation. No serious complaints were received, and the pickers were content and in good health though much rain fell during the season. All four camps now have main water supply, and considerable improvement was made in the sanitary arrangements for one of the camps. The Camps are maintained in a satisfactory state and refuse collection is carried out daily, during occupation, by the owners. Cookhouse accommodation is excellent, but the pickers still prefer to build fires outside their huts. Camp supervision, by persons appointed by the hop-pickers themselves, could help greatly in preserving the cleanliness and amenities of the camps.

Approximate number of pickers 350/400.

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ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

SECTION A.

Social Conditions and Statistics for the Year 1951.

AREA:

36,685 acres.

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 9,043 - a very slight increase on 1950.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 2,863

RATEABLE VALUE: £56,481

SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £221 (estimated)

STAFF:

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector

Mr. Edward Badcock
M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Cert. Meat and Foods
Inspector.

Additional Sanitary Inspector
(from February 12th, 1951)

Mr. Robert Finn,
M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Cert. Meat and Foods
Inspector.

Clerk and Typist

Mrs. D.E. Laker.

Refuse Collection and
Gesepool emptying

4 drivers
6 loaders
2 sewage disposal works
attendants.

Rodent Operator (part time)

Mr. E.C. Piddock.

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	M.	F.	Elham	England
				R.D.	& Wales
1. Live Births	132	72	60	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated	16.04 15.5
(a) Legitimate	129	70	59		
(b) Illegitimate	3	2	1	resident population	
2. Still Births	4	2	2	Rate per 1,000 estimated	0.48 0.36
(a) Legitimate	4	2	2		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	resident population	
3. Deaths	142	70	72	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	10.36 12.5
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes					
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births	- 0.19
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		- 0.60
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	3	1	2		22.0 29.60
(a) Legitimate	3	1	2	Rate per 1,000 live births	
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-		
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	2	-	2		
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	- 1.4
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per	- 0.01
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	-	-	-	1,000 estimated	-
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	-	-	-	resident	- 0.38
Deaths from Tuberculosis	3	2	1	population	0.33 0.31
8. Deaths from Cancer	21	13	8		
9. Deaths from Measles	1	1	-		

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.Causes of Death 1951

ALL CAUSES	Males 70	Females 72
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	1	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Cancer of the stomach	1	1
11. Cancer of lungs and bronchus	5	1
12. Cancer of breast	-	3
13. Cancer of uterus	-	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer)	7	2
15. Leukaemia. Aleukaemia	-	1
16. Diabetes	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	7
18. Coronary disease, Angina	8	7
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	4
20. Other heart disease	14	17
21. Other circulatory diseases	2	5
22. Influenza	3	1
23. Pneumonia	-	-
24. Bronchitis	2	4
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	1	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	5	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
30. Pregnancy, child birth and abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	1	2
32. Other defined and illdefined diseases	6	10
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
34. All other accidents	2	2
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-

There were three infant deaths: one M. aged 1 month due to Post operative lung collapse (Pyloric stenosis), one F. aged 2 days with Meningocele, and one F. aged 3 weeks from Broncho Pneumonia (Spina bifida). There is no significant increase in the number of deaths in any particular group. Three deaths from Tuberculosis occurred as against one last year and eight in 1949.

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICTSECTION B.General Provisions of Health Services
Laboratory Facilities

As in previous years the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory at Maidstone gives a satisfactory and complete service for the needs of the area.

Ambulance.

This is under the Kent County Council. As before no special Ambulance serves the whole area but part of the area is served by the Borough of Hythe Ambulance. Cases for removal to Hospital are taken by the Hospital's own Ambulance, and accident cases are dealt with by summoning the nearest available Ambulance.

Nursing Homes.

The registration and supervision of Nursing Homes is carried out by the Kent County Council.

Maternity and Child Welfare and Midwifery Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services. (The areas allotted to the County Council Health Visitors do not correspond with the District Councils areas.)

SECTION C.Prevalence and control over Infectious Disease.Notifiable Diseases.

The following table shows details of diseases notified during the year:-

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>No. of cases notified</u>	<u>No. of cases removed to Hospital</u>	<u>No. of Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	21	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	152	-	1 *
Pneumonia	2	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2	-
Food Poisoning			

There were 2 cases of Poliomyelitis - both in young girls - one made a good recovery but the other, a very severe case, had serious and permanent disabilities.

* The measles death was a male aged 74 with Broncho pneumonia as a complication.

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICTDiphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 130 children of (0-15) received primary inoculations and 153 children received reinforcing inoculations. By the courtesy of the County Medical Officer of Health and the Registrar-General figures have again been supplied which make it possible to estimate approximately the percentage of children in the area who have been immunised. Of 1,818 children (0-15) 1,559 had been immunised by 31st December, 1951 = 85% (approx.). Of the children (0-4) 51% had been immunised by 31st December. This latter figure is still much too low and though it shows a slight increase on the previous year (1950) it cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

Smallpox Vaccination.

The number of children under one year of age vaccinated against smallpox was 60 and of those aged 1-4, 33 were vaccinated during 1951. It is very disappointing that there has been no increase in the number of infant vaccinations for it is still essential that our children should be given this benefit as early as possible and, though immunity is not permanent, the vaccination in infancy has definite advantages.

TUBERCULOSIS 1951.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25.	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	-	-	-	-	-	1*	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.51 = 53

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Numbers for 1951	30	18	-	5	53
" " 1950	29	18	-	5	52
" " 1949	28	17	-	6	51
" " 1948	27	22	-	6	55
" " 1947	25	24	1	8	58
" " 1946	24	16	1	11	52
" " 1945	22	12	1	7	42

* This case died in hospital from Broncho pneumonia and the tubercular condition was only discovered at the Post Mortem examination.

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The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1951.

SECTION D.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.(1) Water Supply.

The quality and quantity of the water supplied by the three Statutory Water Undertakings has been satisfactory throughout the year. Four post war schemes of extension of mains were completed and one commenced, leaving one small extension outstanding, of the seventeen post war schemes. Three additional small extensions have been submitted to the County Council for consideration.

Approximately 95% of the dwellings in the District have access to the mains supply.

Examination of samples taken during the year:-

	No.	Bacteriological	No.	Chemical
Raw Water (piped)	8	5 sat.	3 unsat.	nil
Raw Water (piped from tank in roof)	24	14 "	10 "	nil
Raw Water (unpiped)	68	27 "	41 "	nil
Treated water(piped)	32	32 "	0 "	1
Totals	132	78 "	54 "	1
				1 sat.
				"

The unsatisfactory samples of piped water were taken from small estate supplies. The largest of these Estate supplies serving part of the Parish of Newington, is being taken over by a Statutory Water Undertaking during the next year.

The unsatisfactory samples of unpiped water were taken from rain water tanks and wells situated along the line of the new extensions of the mains. Although forty informal notices have been sent to the owners of these various properties from whose water supplies unsatisfactory samples were taken, only 8 have so far had their properties connected to the new mains. Owing to the cost of connection being higher than the limit of £20, imposed by the Water Act, 1945, it is not possible to serve statutory notices on these owners.

82.58% of the total number of dwelling houses in the District have piped supplies of water.

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No. of houses with piped water supply at 31st December, 1951:

Parish	No. of houses with piped supply			Remarks
	houses	Direct to house	Stand pipe	
Acrise	38	26	nil	Treated water
Elham	442	329	8	ditto
Elmsted	106	93	nil	ditto
Hawkings	276	234	nil	ditto
Lyminge	459	376	2	ditto
Lympne	207	176	1	ditto
Monks Horton	40	12	nil	ditto
Newington	122	95	8	Part treated part untreated
Paddlesworth	12	7	nil	Treated water
Postling	51	48	nil	ditto
Saltwood	292	288	nil	ditto
Sellindge	270	243	nil	ditto
Stanford	142	132	nil	ditto
Stelling	73	55	nil	ditto
Stelling Minnis	34	16	1	ditto
Stowting	64	17	nil	ditto
Swingfield	226	190	nil	ditto
	2,854	2,337	20	

(2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

There is main drainage in the Parish of Saltwood only. Nine small sewage treatment plants have been constructed to take sewage from Council Housing Estates only.

The proposals for main drainage in the Parishes of Lyminge, Elham, Hawkings, Swingfield, Sellindge, Stanford, Lympne and Newington are still under consideration. The large number of unsatisfactory water samples and the ever increasing demands on the cesspool emptiers, as fresh connections are made to the new water mains, yearly, emphasizes the urgency for main drainage in parts of the District.

Some of the causes of the pollution of the stream at Newington were dealt with during the year, but the Nailbourne at Lyminge is polluted by the overflowing sewage from a large septic tank. Neither case can be effectively dealt with until main drainage is provided.

All cesspools and some pail closets are emptied regularly, and as requested, by the three motor cesspool emptiers.

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT(3) General.

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	No. of defects found	No. Remedied
Bakehouses	6	23	4	3
Dairies	4	21	1	1
Slaughterhouses	3	20	nil	nil
Other food premises	55	116	16	7
Offensive trades	nil	nil	nil	nil
Common lodging houses	nil	nil	nil	nil
Houses let in lodgings	nil	nil	nil	nil
Factories	34 *	25	1	1

* Does not include bakehouses

Total number of inspections of all kinds 3,381

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year:-

Baths, sinks, etc.	6
Dustbins	28
Cooking & heating	2
Floors	5
Dampness	15
Offensive accumulations	1
Doors & windows	2
Roofs, R.W.P., chimneys	9
Drainage:	
Reconstruction	5
Repair	9
Sanitary Accommodation	12
Ventilation & lighting	1
Walls & ceilings	8
Yard paving	nil
Water supplies	8
Miscellaneous	12
W.C.s. into drainage systems during the year	26
W.C.s. into cesspools during the year	41
Pail closets	664
Earth closets	8
Premises disinfected	4
No. of premises not connected to piped water supplies	497

Statutory Notices

No. served (Public Health Act, 1936)	2
No. complied with	2

Informal notices

	No. served	No. complied with
Factories Act	2	1
Food & Drugs Act	16	7
Housing Act	23	16
Public Health Acts	39	38
Water Act, 1945	40	8
Miscellaneous	4	7

Rats & Mice.

A part time Rodent Operator is employed and disinfestation work is carried out in accordance with the recommendations laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Survey work has been carried out on a number of farms.

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No. of complaints investigated	176
Minor infestations	143) All were
Major infestations	18) satisfactorily
Mice infestations	12) treated

Approximately 1,487 rats were killed, estimated on the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries formula, and 111 mice were destroyed.

Vermilion.

No cases of bug infestation were reported or came to light during routine inspections. Fumigations have been carried out in connection with several minor infestations of flies, cockroaches and wasps.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Collection of domestic refuse is undertaken by direct labour, using one 10 cu. yd. covered refuse collection vehicle with driver and three loaders.

Domestic refuse is collected fortnightly throughout the whole area, with the exception of the village of Saltwood where collection takes place once weekly. Disposal of the refuse is by controlled tipping.

Salvage of waste Materials.

Income derived from the sale of salvaged materials was:-

Waste paper:

35 tons 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 0 lbs	£311.	4.	0.
Rags:			
1 ton. 13 cwts. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.	53.	5.	7.
Tyres			
7 cwts. 0 qrs. 0 lbs.	2.	0.	0.
Ferrous & Non-ferrous metals:			
9 tons 15 cwts. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.	61.	4.	8.
Total:			
46 tons 17 cwts. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.	£427.	14.	3.

The men employed on the refuse vehicle are paid 20% of the income gained, as an incentive bonus.

SECTION E.

FOOD

(a) Milk

No. of retailers	12		
	No.	Satis.	Unsatis.
Samples taken:			
F.T.	8	7	1
T.F. Pasteurised	1	1	nil
Pasteurised	7	77	nil
Non-designated	8	8	nil
Methylene Blue test	24	23	1
Phosphatase test	8	8	nil
Biological	21	17	2
'Q' Fever	9	Results inconclusive	

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There is one Pasteurising establishment in the District using the holder process.

Eleven licences to retail pasteurised milk, nine T.T. and two Accredited, were in operation in the Area.

* Two tests void due to inter-current infection.

Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949. Art. 20.

Informal action was taken in connection with the two positive biological samples.

(b) Ice Cream.

No ice cream is manufactured in the District, but 29 premises are registered for the sale, and storage for sale, of ice cream. Nineteen samples were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. No pathogenic organisms were cultivated in any of the samples. The results of the Methylene blue tests were:

Grade I	18.
Grade II	1.

(c) Meat and Other Foods.

There are no Ministry of Food slaughterhouses in operation in the District, but some killing has taken place in three private slaughterhouses under permits.

99 pigs, 15 sheep and lambs, and 5 calves were inspected.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

77 lbs. beef	18 lbs. pork sausages.
96 lbs. mutton	7 lbs. 11 ozs. tinned meat
42 lbs. pork	10 lbs butter
20 tins milk	5 lbs miscellaneous foods

(d) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations - Lympne Airport.

Silver City Airways, Ltd., started importing cream cheese into Lympne Airport towards the end of the year. This cheese, which is pasteurised, is manufactured in France approximately 60 miles from Le Touquet from whence it is transported by air to Lympne for distribution throughout the United Kingdom.

A total of 55 tons, 10 cwts. of cheese was inspected and it was all found to be in good condition.

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICTSECTION F.HOUSING

No. of inspections during the year	235
Notices served:	
Informal (Housing Act & Public Health Act)	62
Statutory (Public Health Act)	2
Notices compiled with:	
Informal (Housing Act & Public Health Act)	54
Statutory (Public Health Act)	2

Owing to high costs and low rents the position with regard to the carrying out of repairs becomes progressively worse. The owners of small properties get insufficient return to allow even the smallest repairs and replacements, and unless something is done to amend the law permitting an increase in rents even the present standard will not be maintained.

Housing Act, 1949.

Four applications for Improvement Grants were approved during the year and all work was completed.

Rural Housing Survey.

No. of houses to be surveyed	2,247
" " " surveyed to 31/12/51	1,342
" " " placed in Category I	450
" " " " " II	361
" " " " " III	402
" " " " " IV	60
" " " " " V	69

Council houses.

The number of Council houses erected during 1951 was 26, making a total of 162 local authority owned dwellings, which is 5.67 % of the total number of houses in the district.

Private Enterprise Houses.

11 private dwellings were erected during the year.

